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Comments on Speech by [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE: Memo of 14 June to AD/RR from [REDACTED] (Asst. to DD/I), Subject:  
"Attached Speech by [REDACTED]"

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1. This is a sound and interesting speech reflecting a vital problem in the production of intelligence. [REDACTED]'s approach to Russian capabilities is realistic and reasonable. His suggestion for combined scientific-production teams to handle intelligence problems is attractive. It shows an awareness of a continuing problem that results from compartmentalization and specialization. The suggestion for working teams should do much to ameliorate this problem and also be beneficial to both the scientific and the production specialist.

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2. This office differs with [REDACTED] on one point of fact, his statement that "... the general absence of air raid precautions is also perhaps noteworthy." Research in the Economic Area indicates that the Soviets have a highly developed civil defense program. There has been a steady flow of information indicating a continuous program for construction of air raid shelters, intensive public education programs, and training programs under the auspices of DOSAAF (Society for Cooperation with the Army, Air Force and Navy). The absence of obvious signs of this program, such as shelter notices, is explained apparently by Soviet doctrine that public notices of shelter facilities will not appear until an actual state of emergency or threatening situation is declared.

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